

PM ended politics of casteism and dynasty, says Shah

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NEW DELHI: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president chief Amit Shah on Saturday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has replaced the politics of appeasement, casteism and dynasty with the politics of development.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters on the fourth anniversary of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government, Shah said the coming together of opposition parties will make no difference in 2019, when the choice for the voters will be between electing Modi and an unknown face.

“When a voter will cast his vote keeping in mind who is going to be the Prime Minister.....the parameters will be different,” Shah said while underplaying BJP’s poor show in the recent by-polls across a few states.

“When two Uttar Pradesh ke ladke (Akhilesh and Rahul) came together, you (media) gave them 242 seats by adding their vote share. What was the result? BJP got 325 seats. We were prepared ourselves to get 50% votes in Uttar Pradesh. We have a year’s time,” Shah said.

The BJP president said NDA has expanded after 2014 and 11 new parties have become a part of its fold since the last general elections.